

PETITION

OF THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF  
CHICAGO, IN ILLINOIS,

PRAYING

*Congress to grant to the corporation of said town a certain military reservation.*

MAY 2, 1838.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States in Congress assembled:*

The petition of the Mayor, Alderman, and citizens of the city of Chicago,  
in the State of Illinois,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That the military reservation upon which Fort Dearborn is situated, at the mouth of Chicago river, in the State of Illinois, being the south fraction of section 10, township 39 north, range 14, east of the third principal meridian, containing about fifty-four acres, has become useless for a military post.

Your petitioners farther show that the said military reservation adjoins the city of Chicago, and its value above the minimum price of Government land has been principally occasioned by the enterprise and expenditures of our citizens in building up and improving the city of Chicago.

Your petitioners further show, that so far as they are informed, it has been the practice of the General Government to grant military sites, which have become useless in the Western States, to the cities or towns within which they are located.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that an act may be passed, granting the said reservation to the corporation of the city of Chicago, or that the said corporation may be allowed to enter the same at the minimum price of public lands; and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

W. B. Ogden,  
*Mayor of the city of Chicago.*

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Asahel Pierce

Peter Bolles

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 Jeremiah Briggs  
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 William Briggs  
 William Wade  
 Henry C. West  
 John Harrison  
 Charles Cleaver  
 Thomas Cook  
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 William H. Brown  
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 Joseph L. Hanson  
 Thomas Whitlock  
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 Guild & Durant  
 Oliver Morse  
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Your publications, extracts of Daniel and variety, deeply sympathizing with the Cherokee Indians in their present afflicted condition, as set forth in their late petition to Congress, and other public documents, and anxious to avert from our nation the judgments of Heaven, which will certainly be visited out to those who trample upon the weak and defenceless, we most earnestly and respectfully request your honorable body to report favorably the petition of the Cherokees, and authorize their removal against their will, if as they maintain, the treaty regarding their removal never received their sanction.

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